

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions and listings of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims

Claim 1 (Currently amended) A recording apparatus comprising:

recording mode setting means for setting a first recording mode for recording image data having a first information quantity per unit time, and a second recording mode for recording image data having a second information quantity larger than the first information quantity per unit time;

recording means for recording image data on a recording medium;

instruction means for instructing recording of a still image; and

control means for controlling said recording means to start recording on the recording medium still image data in response to a recording instruction of the still image by said instruction means and to stop recording the still image data a predetermined recording period after the recording was started,

wherein said control means ~~controls~~ changes the predetermined recording period between a first predetermined period and a second predetermined period shorter than the first predetermined period in accordance with the recording mode set by said recording mode setting means so that said recording means ~~to start~~ starts recording on the recording medium the still image data in response to the recording instruction of the still image by said instruction means and ~~to stop~~ stops recording the still image data ~~a at the first recording predetermined period~~ after the recording was started when the first recording mode is set by said recording mode setting means, and ~~to start~~ starts recording on the recording medium the still image ~~data~~ in

response to the recording instruction of the still image by said instruction means and ~~to stop~~
~~stops~~ recording the still image data ~~a at the~~ second ~~recording~~ predetermined period after the
recording was started when the second recording mode is set, ~~and wherein a length of the first~~
~~recording period is set according to the first recording mode, and a length of the second~~
~~recording period is set according to the second recording mode.~~

Claim 2 (Currently amended): An apparatus according to claim 1, wherein said control means controls said recording means to record the detection data for detecting the still image data recorded on the recording medium with the still image data in response to the recording instruction of the still image at a predetermined timing defined according to each of the first and second recording modes.

Claim 3 (Previously presented): An apparatus according to claim 2, wherein when the first recording mode is set by said recording mode setting means, said control means controls said recording means to record the detection data by multiplexing the detection data on the image data for a period shorter than, and substantially positioned in the middle of the first recording period.

Claim 4 (Previously presented): An apparatus according to claim 2, wherein when the second recording mode is set, said control means controls said recording means to record the detection data by multiplexing the detection data on the still image data from a head portion of the second recording period.

Claim 5 (Original): An apparatus according to claim 1, wherein said recording means records the image data of one frame in an n number of tracks (n is an integer of 1 or more) on the recording medium on the first recording mode, and the image data of one frame in an 2xn number of tracks on the recording medium on the second recording mode.

Claim 6 (Previously presented): An apparatus according to claim 1, wherein a length of the first recording period is shorter than the second recording period.

Claim 7 (Original): An apparatus according to claim 1, wherein the second recording mode is set according to SD specifications defined by HD Digital VCR Council, and the first recording mode is set according to SD High Compression Specifications defined by HD Digital VCR Council.

Claim 8 (Original): An apparatus according to claim 7, wherein the detection data is a photo picture ID (PPID) defined by HD Digital VCR Council.

Claim 9 (Currently amended): A recording apparatus having a first recording mode for recording image data having a first information quantity per unit time and a second recording mode for recording image data having a second information quantity larger than the first information quantity per unit time, and including a mode switch for setting the first and second recording modes,

wherein a predetermined recording period from the starting of recording to the stopping of recording is changed between a first predetermined period and a second predetermined period shorter than the first predetermined period in accordance with the recording mode set by said mode switch so that, when the first recording mode is set by said mode switch, still image data is recorded for a first recording period on a recording medium starts recording with detection data for detecting the still image data recorded on the recording medium in response according to an instruction of still image recording, and stops recording at the first predetermined period after the recording was started and, when the second recording mode is set by said mode switch, the still image data starts recording being recorded for a second recording period different in length from the first recording period on the recording

~~medium~~ with the detection data ~~aeecording on the recording medium in response~~ to the instruction of still image recording and stops recording at the second predetermined period after the recording was started, and wherein a length of the first recording period is set according to the first recording mode, and a length of the second recording period is set according to the second recording mode.